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DROUGHT-STRICKEN KZN TO HOST POLITICAL OVERSIGHT VISIT ON CURRENT DROUGHT STATUS IN THE PROVINCE

13 July 2015

The Minister of Water and Sanitation, Ms. Nomvula Mokonyane, will visit the province of KwaZulu-Natal on 14 – 15 July 2015 to conduct a political oversight visit to some of the areas affected by the current drought.

The two-day programme will include a meeting with the Premier of the Province, MEC's in the Disaster Management Committee and District Mayors of the affected Municipalities and Executive Mayor of the City of eThekweni. The meeting will be followed by a situational assessment site visit to the UGu and Umvoti Dams.

This visit follows numerous meetings held by the Department of Water and Sanitation and the Kwazulu-Natal provincial government on fast-tracking relief efforts and unlocking interventions that ought to bring short, medium and long-term solutions to the water shortages experienced currently.

The Minister will also hold engagements with the Strategic Water Partnership Network and engage members of the public on behavioural changes necessary to ensure water supply and savings.

The details of the political oversight activities are as follows:

Day 1 – Tuesday, 14 July 2015:

09h00 – 11h00: Closed meeting of political principals, technocrats and affected communities

11h30 – 13h30: political principals and media fly-over at selected areas including media interaction

14:00 - 14:45: Political Engagement with Media (All Media Invited)

Day 2 – Wednesday, 15 July 2015: Hazelmere Dam, Msinsi

07h00 – Commuter train ride from Moses Mabhida, Durban to Tongaat



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11h00 - *Tour of the Hazelmere Dam*

13h00 - *Prayer meeting*

The media are cordially invited to attend.

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